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Held at La Paz on Tuesday, 28 May 1957, at 4.55 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Chairman:	Mr. PONCE	Ecuador
Rapporteur:	Mr. OLIVEIRA CAMPOS	Brazil
Members:	Mr. ISIDORO MARTINEZ	Argentina
	Mr. HINOJOSA	Bolivia
	Mr. HALES	Chile
	Mr. MORERA	Costa Rica
	Mr. GAMBOA	Cuba
	Mr. GINEBRA	Dominican Republic
	Mr. CHAVEZ	Ecuador
	Mr. DUARTE	El Salvador
	Mr. RICHARD) Mr. POUSSARD)	France
	Mr. MELGAR LARRIEU	Guatemala
	Mr. MONDRAGON	Honduras
	Mr. TORRES GAITAN	Mexico
	Mr. ZIJDERVELD	Netherlands
	Mr. CLEMENT	Panama
	Mr. MORELLI	Peru
	Mr. HENDERSON	United Kingdom
	Mr. RANDALL	United States of America
	Mr. ARIOSTO GONZALEZ	Uruguay
	Mr. PINO	Venezuela

/ALSO PRESENT

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Observers from Member States:

Mr. CHENDOV	Bulgaria
Mr. VESELY	Czechoslovakia
Mr. MANCINI	Italy
Mr. IZAWA	Japan
Mr. ALBU	Romania
Mr. ARAGONES	Spain
Mr. MIKHAILOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Observer from a non-Member State:

Mr. ENGELS	Federal Republic of Germany

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. LACUADO	International Labour Organization
Mr. MOSER	Food and Agriculture Organization
Mr. del CANTO Mr. KEESING	International Monetary Fund

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Category A:

Mr. HEUSEN	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Category B and Register:

Miss ESPINOSA	International Federation of Women Lawyers

/Secretariat

Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. SWENSON	Deputy Director, Economic Commission for Latin America
Mr. URQUIDI	Director, Economic Commission for Latin America, Mexico Office
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Commission
Mr. MALINOWSKI	Head of Regional Economic Commissions Section, United Nations

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IV AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (Conference Room Paper No. 60; E/CN.12/AC.38/1 and 2)

Mr. MORERA (Costa Rica), speaking as the Rapporteur of Committee IV, pointed out that Cuba had not requested the addition of its name as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution on the possibility of the admission of Spain to membership in ECLA. He therefore proposed the deletion of Cuba from the relevant paragraph of the report.

It was so agreed.

Mr. RANDALL (United States of America) asked that the reasons for his delegation's abstention on the draft resolution on the admission of Spain to membership in ECLA should be indicated in the report.

Mr. HENDERSON (United Kingdom), Mr. ZIJDERVELD (Netherlands), Mr. RICHARD (France), Mr. TORRES GAITAN (Mexico) and Mr. MELGAR LARRIEU (Guatemala) also asked for the reasons for their delegations' votes on the draft resolution to be explained in the report.

It was so agreed:

The report of Committee IV (Conference Room Paper No. 60), as amended was adopted unanimously.

Mr. MOSER (Food and Agriculture Organization) requested additional information on the draft resolution on building for the United Nations in Chile (E/CN.12/AC.38/2), which was of interest to his organization.

Mr. HALES (Chile) explained that Act. No. 12,437 referred

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to in the draft resolution was not an executive order but an Act passed by the National Assembly, which had stipulated that the land in question was to be transferred to the United Nations.

Mr. ARIOSTO GONZALEZ (Uruguay) said that the Working Group had decided that United Nations specialized agencies could also occupy offices in the building provided that the necessary agreements were concluded. The draft resolution, however, referred specifically to ECLA and he therefore proposed that its title should be amended to read "Building for the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America in Chile".

Mr. HALES (Chile) accepted the proposal and suggested that use of the building by the specialized agencies should be negotiated between the United Nations and ECLA.

The Uruguayan proposal was adopted.

The draft resolution (E/CN.12AC.38/2), as amended was adopted unanimously.

The draft resolution on programming by sectors and by regions, and preparation, presentation and evaluation of Projects (E/CN.12/AC.38/3) was adopted unanimously.

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Mr. ALBU (Romania) said that his delegation had followed the work of ECLA's seventh session with great interest. Romania's economic development had now brought it to a position in which it was able and willing to expand its trade with Latin America; it could export a number of raw materials and industrial products needed in the area and was interested in importing

/many of

many of Latin America's traditional products. He was sure that the work accomplished by ECLA at its current session would be of great benefit to the region and he hoped that it would lead to an expansion of international trade in general.

Mr. HEYSEN (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) congratulated ECLA on the work it had accomplished. He went on to sum up his organization's views on the economic problems confronting the area. Among these problems were the recurrent threat of inflation, for which solutions must be found which would not impose inequitable sacrifices on those sections of the population least able to bear them, and the retardation of the area's agricultural development as a result of the United States policy with regard to the marketing of agricultural surpluses. 1/

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Credentials Committee had examined the credentials of all delegations and found them in order.

The meeting rose at 5.45 p.m.

1/ For the full text of Mr. Heysen's statement, see Information Document No. 49